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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Attached herewith is a report to the North American Indians and to the loyal citizens of the United States, a report which has been given wide distribution of the Indian situation within the borders of the United States, which will have serious effect on all the Indian tribes throughout the nation concerning their property, lands, treaties, resources and their rights.

I am referring to the recent decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court against the TUSCARORAS, a small band of Indians residing in the State of New York, members of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy. This decision no doubt will be used as PRECEDENT by the Courts and the same method used by other States reference to Indian lands, property and rights. That hereafter, any appeal by the Indians to the courts of justice is sealed, and their destiny left to the mercy of the vultures who will continually prey upon them of their resources, lands, funds, and deprive them of their rights. To eventually result in destitution of the Indians in a large scale as never before experienced in the history of the North American Indians.

It is the sole duty of every God-fearing and loyal American citizen in this country to see to it that OPPRESSION in this country of its nationals is not exemplified of other dictator nations, no matter how small the minority of those nationals may be, particularly, the minority of the North American Indians. Ever reminding ourselves that "The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choosed you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all people." Deut. 7:7.

If the United States Government cannot honor the TREATIES it made with the Indian tribes within its borders how can we rely upon the treaties made with foreign governments? Isn't it about time to awaken from lethargy and face the facts - and do something about it. We are heading in the way of Ancient Rome. Do you know the five reasons given by FLOYD GIBBONS in his book of the fall of ancient Roman Empire? If you read this book you would think he was describing America today.

Make no mistake about the GENERAL'S report to the American Indians and the general public. General Holdridge is a sincere and honest citizen and one who is striving for the cause of justice. Men of his caliber are not born every day, so provide him with your sincere support, write your Congressman and to other responsible government leaders, public opinion is your strongest weapon. Use it.

Respectfully,

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TO: The North American Indians, and  
To Loyal Citizens of the United States.

CRIMINAL DECISION OF SUPREME COURT AGAINST TUSCARORAS

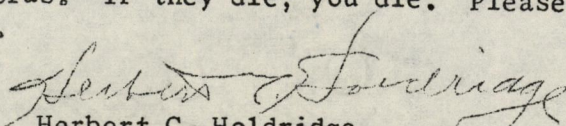
The Supreme Court of the United States has voted to confiscate lands of the Tuscarora Indians for the benefit of the State of New York, thereby tearing up as a "scrap of paper" the solemn treaty between General George Washington and the Six Nations of the Iroquis Confederacy. Upon hearing of the crime I dispatched a telegram to Justice Hugo Black, one of the three members of the Supreme Court who objected to the decision, with copies to Chief Clinton Rickard of the Tuscaroras, to the Ambassador of Soviet Russia, to Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba, and to the Associated Press.

The decision of the Supreme Court violates the Constitution of the United States which gives it no authority over treaties. Its crime is identical with the crimes of Dwight D. Eisenhower and members of his Cabinet, and with those of the Congress of the United States, violating Indian treaties and robbing and scattering the Indians. It deals the "coup de grace" - the death blow - to lawful, Constitutional government in the United States. It serves notice on the army of thieves, swindlers and outlaws acting as puppets for the Government of the United States throughout Indian reservations who are cheating and robbing the Indians - Yakimas, Uroks, Paiutes, Utes, Hopis, Navajos, Seminoles, Six Nations of the Iroquois, and all the rest of the Indian Nations - that it is useless hereafter to appeal to the courts for justice for this decision will be used as a precedent for other outlaw courts, and the Indians will know that the doors of the Supreme Court are closed to them as the gates of the White House were closed.

Thus, the decision deals a death blow to the Indians and clears the way to scattering them as homeless wanderers across the land. The greed of the "White Man" has reached its climax of lawlessness and violence. The decision is as severe a blow to every citizen of the United States. With the Constitution torn up as a "scrap of paper" by the Supreme Court which is under oath to preserve it, Constitutional government disappears, and we are ruled by outlaws.

I urge all Indians and all loyal citizens to resist this criminal, outlaw government of the United States by every possible means - by passive resistance, by appeals to foreign governments and the United Nations, by ejecting swindlers, puppets and criminal agents of government bodily from your lands as you have a right to do, by appeals to the public conscience. By doing so you will be serving the best legal interests of the White Man himself. At present the White Man is not interested, but soon, when our corrupt economy explodes, he will know that the cause of the Indian for justice is his cause, and he will join the Indian. The Indian, who is closer to the "Great Spirit" than the "Godless" White Man, must lead the way.

I have hoped that justice might be restored without violence, but I doubt that this will be possible. These men of violence understand only violence. At present we use non-violent techniques, but if they will not fulfill their oaths to defend the Constitution, other means may become necessary. My own oath requires that I apply all necessary means. These criminals in government must be isolated and quarantined as cattle infected with Hoof and Mouth disease are isolated and quarantined. I have taken a solemn oath that when the opportunity comes each one of them shall be punished as his crimes warrant. I ask that you unite to cooperate with the Tuscaroras. If they die, you die. Please let me know what I can do to help in this campaign.

  
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